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SUBJECT: MEAT TRADE RESTRICTIONS

REF: TOKYO 8347 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED NOT GET INVOLVED IN DETAILED
PRESENTATION ON PROSPECTIVE IMPORT LEVY SYSTEM BEEF
SINCE USG CANNOT EVALUATE EFFECTS OF NEW JAPANESE SYSTEM
UNTIL DETAILS BECOME KNOWN. EMBASSY MAY, HOWEVER, INFORM
GOJ THAT US WOULD OPPOSE INTRODUCTION OF HIGHLY-
PROTECTIVE LEVY SYSTEM, WHICH, IF OPERATED LIKE PRESENT
SYSTEM FOR PORK, WOULD
DISCOURAGE DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION THROUGH HIGH PRICES, WOULD
PRECLUDE COMPETITION FROM EFFICIENT FOREIGN SUPPLIERS,
WOULD IMPEDE THE PROCESS OF AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT IN
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JAPAN, AND WOULD CONSTITUTE A CONTINUED VIOLATION OF

JAPAN'S INTERNATIONAL TRADING OBLIGATIONS.

2. IF GOJ OFFICIALS SAY THAT ANY MOVEMENT AWAY FROM
ABSOLUTE QUOTAS TOWARD RELIANCE ON IMPORT LEVIES WOULD
REPRESENT LIBERALIZATION, OR AT LEAST MOVEMENT IN RIGHT
DIRECTION, EMBASSY MAY RESPOND THAT THIS MIGHT BE TRUE IF
SUPPORT PRICES WERE SET AND MAINTAINED AT REALISTIC LEVELS.

HOWEVER, EXPERIENCE WITH PORK SYSTEM HAS SHOWN THAT
JAPANESE PRICES HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED AT LEVELS
SUBSTANTIALLY ABOVE WORLD PRICES AND THAT IMPORTS HAVE
FROM TIME TO TIME BEEN CUT OFF COMPLETELY THROUGH
MECHANISM OF IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM. SISCO

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